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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig.1 . This sheet, which includes Fig. 1, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. By this Amendment, claims 14, 17 and 18 have been amended. Claims 14-18 are pending for further examination.

In view of the amendments, Applicant believes that the double patenting rejection is obviated. Thus, a Terminal Disclaimer is not being submitted at this time.

With respect to the drawing objection, Applicant has submitted a replacement drawing herewith. Thus, withdrawal of the drawing objection is requested.

Claims 14 and 18 have been rejected as being obvious over the combination of Miller et al. (US 5,959,869) in view of Siegel et al. (US 4,413,260). Applicant respectfully submits that the amended claims herein are not rendered obvious by the cited references. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejections are respectfully requested.

Amended claim 14 now recites:

A) Audiovisual reproduction system, comprising a central unit controlling a display, a touch screen, and memory, through a multitask operating system comprising a tools and services library,

B) wherein the operating system comprises interpreting means for interpreting actions of an operator on the touch screen and for allowing such an operator to access a module in the tools and services library, so as to offer a manager of the audiovisual

reproduction system a given number of credits, one credit corresponding to the fee necessary to select a song,

C) the number of credits being stored in a file on the memory as a credit reserve, this file being updated each time the manager uses a credit and each time the operator supplies one or more credits,

D) said interpreting means being adapted for interpreting:

touching of a first specific button in a first specific area of the touch screen as a request for adding in said file one credit to the credit reserve, and

touching of a second specific button in a second specific area of the touch screen as a request for removing in said file one credit to the number of credits only if credit reserve is not empty.

Miller does not disclose a system having a multitask operating system and a touch screen as claimed part A) of amended claim 14. Miller does not recite an operating system having means for interpreting actions of an operator on the touch screen and for allowing such an operator to access a module for providing a given number of credits as claimed part B) of amended claim 14.

Unlike part C) of amended claim 14, Miller does not suggest storing in a file a credit reserve, this file being updated each time the manager uses a credit and each time the operator supplies one or more credits. In complete contrast, Miller discloses reprogrammable aspects (prices, marketing aspects) that can be updated by a remote system (Col. 10, Lines 45-55). Furthermore, currently claimed invention does not

involve updating by a remote system, but only locally interpreting actions of an operator and updating accordingly the file storing the credit reserve.

Miller does not suggest actions on the touch screen, by accessing either a first specific area of the touch screen and touching a first specific button for adding in said file one credit to the credit reserve, or a second specific area of the touch screen and touching a second specific button for removing in said file one credit to the number of credits only if credit reserve is not empty, as claimed part D) of amended claim 14.

Even if combined with Siegel, the combined teachings thereof do not teach or suggest to a person skilled in the art any pertinent information about updating a credit reserve, as specifically recited in by the combination of features A), B), C) and D) of amended claim 14. Siegel only suggests an interface transmitter 20 (Fig. 2) with a free play credit entry function. It cannot be said that the claimed invention solves the same technical problem as in Siegel. In complete contrast, amended claim 14 requires that a given predetermined number of credits is paid by the operator to the manager of the reproduction system. And then, according to amended claim 14, each user action is taken into account, so as to decrease the credit reserve. Such teaching is simply not suggested in the cited prior art. Siegel only recites a button 24 on a transmitter 20 that enables all the songs to be either credited or not credited ("free play credit entry function").

Regarding Siegel and Miller, Applicant respectfully submits that these references fail to provide any teaching or suggestion of the particular combination of elements recited in amended claim 14, namely:

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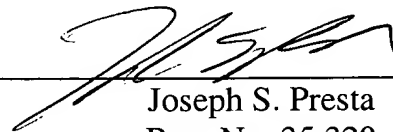
- A) a touch screen and a multitask operating system;
- B) means for interpreting actions of an operator on the touch screen and for allowing such an operator to access a module for providing a given number of credits;
- C) storing a credit reserve that can be updated each time the manager uses a credit and each time the operator supplies one or more credits; and
- D) distinct buttons on a touch screen for adding or respectively removing one credit in said reserve.

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, Applicant believes that the amended claims herein clearly and patentably distinguish the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Thus, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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